THE Ancient PHILOSOPHERS Vindicated againſt TIPLING.

Written by a Young LADY.

I.

DIOGENES ſober and wiſe, is ſaid to have liv'd in a Tub
Becauſe he did Tippling deſpiſe, and ne're much did care for a Club;
Vain Grandeur and Pomp he declin'd, well knowing how ſoon they ſhou'd fade
And thought thoſe Men wilfully blind, whoſe Subſtance did go for a Shade.

II.

Heraclitus often did weep, to ſee the mad Follies of Men,
Who gorg'd with Strong Liquor go ſleep, and riſe to tipple again
Could he live to ſee theſe our Days, our Vices his Laughter would move,
Which once his Compaſſion did raiſe, ſo wildly our Fancies do rove.

III.

Democritus, laughed at thoſe Brutes, who vainly their Time do miſpend,
And ſhunn'd all thoſe idle Diſputes, twixt Men with their Bottle and Friend,
Uncertain their Friendſhip he ſaw, and falſe when it came to the Teſt,
And in every Promiſe a Flaw, which tends to no more but a Jeſt.

IV.

Copernicus truly did boaſt, of his Mathematical Skill,
And never did mind for to toaſt, his Wench when his Glaſs he did fill,
He ſoberly drank a good Health, to the Globe which he thought did go round,
And never diminiſhed his Wealth, by Wine nor his Senſe did confound.

V.

Ariſtotle hated a Punk, he loved more the liberal Arts,
And ne're knew what it was to be drunk, he ſtudied no Bottles nor Quarts,
Like *Adam* vain Knowledge he ſought, and quickly he God-like would be,
So by ſuch falſe Ideas was brought, to caſt himſelf into the Sea,

VI.

Old *Plato* that Teacher ſo grave, who purchas'd the Sir-Name Divine.
Moſt wiſely himſelf did behave, and ne're was addicted to Wine,
All Sots he did mortally hate, with thoſe who pretend to live faſt,
Whoſe fooliſh Repentance is late, he dooms them to *Styx* at the laſt.

VII.

Now Tippling ſo common is grown, and Drunkenneſs is no more a Vice,
And Men muſt their Senſes diſown, if they would be thought to be wiſe,
A Drunkard is then a Divine, Religion in Liquor conſiſts,
And Mankind may come in good Time, to be on the Leval with Beaſts.

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